

**The Village of Lexington Common Council held a Regular Council Meeting Monday, May 27, 2025 in the Council Chambers at 7227 Huron Ave., Lexington, MI 48450**

**Call to order the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.** by President Robert Dost

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by President Robert Dost

**Roll call taken by** Clerk Vicki Scott

**Present:** Ehardt, Adams, Muoio, Cole, DeCoster, Dost

**Absent:** – None

**Others present:** L. Fisher, C. Heiden, and 9 citizens

**ATTENDANCE** – No action required

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion by Adams, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the agenda as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

**BUSINESS**

**ADMINISTRATION**

**A. EVANS EHARDT – COUNTY COMMISSIONER** – Ehardt reported he is unable to attend.

**B. LORI FISHER – VILLAGE MANAGER’S REPORT –**

- Tierney Park Renovation Project – Bids came back and Spence Brothers was awarded the project contractor. I will be working with them on seeing where we can cut some costs as we are currently projected for \$150,000.00 shortfall.
- The Owner’s Representative Bid is due tomorrow. The DNR is leaning toward Edgewater. If we didn’t go with Edgewater, there is a release of liability for the designs. We are looking at breaking ground September 15, 2025.
- The US Army Corps of Engineers Breakwall Project is being planned for May of 2026. They will quote this out as marine based. We have met with DNR and Army Corps trying to come up with a plan for dredging. The DNR agreed to fund (out of their \$3,000,000.00 of the MEDC grant) for emergency dredge. This may not be able to happen until August due to the permitting process.
- The Village Green is looking great with the new flower pots and swings. Give a shout out to Mike McGovern for the great job he has done.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> of July plans are underway. Bob Dost will be in the parade. Let me know if anyone else is interested. An ice cream social is planned for June as well.
- Parks & Rec is looking at running a new fence along the eastern boarder of the park. Due to cost we may be painting the fence and getting trees up. Thank you to Chris for filling in the ice rink with free dirt on his own time.
- The Township has the bathroom quotes ready to go out. We will be using ARPA funds to fix up the building.

- My contract has been signed and Double Haul signed the addendum.
- Birch Drive homes that are on pump and haul will be receiving letter on connecting.
- The Village President & I just met with the Fire Department to discuss different ideas.
- Lori answered questions regarding buoys.

**C. MINUTES** – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Cole, to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 28, 2025, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Motion by Cole, seconded by Adams, to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of May 2, 2025, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Ehardt, to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of May 8, 2025, as presented.

All ayes

Motion carried

**D. INVOICE- FLETCHER FEALKO SHOUDY & FRANCIS, P.C.** – Motion by Cole, seconded by Ehardt, to approve the payment of \$2,205.00 to Fletcher Fealko Shoudy & Francis, P.C. - \$1,800.00 from the General Fund, \$135.00 from the Mobile Home Park Fund, \$225.00 from the Water Fund, and \$45.00 from the Harbor Fund.

Roll Call

Ayes – Cole, Ehardt, DeCoster, Muoio, Adam, Dost

Nays – None

Motion carried

**E. USDA CHANGE ORDER FOR THE WATER PROJECT** – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Cole, to approve Change Order #8 with Booms Construction for an increase in the contract price in the amount of \$7,454.00 for the Water Project. (This Change Order incorporates platform framing and catwalk revisions).

Discussion: Chris Heiden explained this change.

Roll Call

Ayes – Muoio, Cole, DeCoster, Ehardt, Adams, Dost

Nays - None

Motion carried

**F. USDA SEWER PROJECT-** Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Cole, to authorize the draw amount of \$174,003.15 from the USDA Rural Development for expenses incurred related to the Sewer Infrastructure Project

Roll Call

Ayes – DeCoster, Cole, Adams, Ehardt, Muoio, Dost

Nays - None

Motion carried

**G. USDA WATER PROJECT** - Motion by Muoio, seconded by Adams, to authorize the draw amount of \$1,722,042.63 from the USDA Rural Development for expenses incurred related to the Water Infrastructure Project.

Discussion: Chris Heiden explained the water treatment plant upgrades.

Roll Call

Ayes – Muoio, Adams, Ehardt, Cole, DeCoster, Dost

Nays - None

Motion carried

**H. TOWNLEY ENGINEERING INVOICE** – Motion by Ehardt, seconded by Cole, to approve the payment of \$4,600.00 to Townley Engineering for work performed regarding the 2025 Street Improvements Project from the Municipal Streets fund.

Roll Call

Ayes – Ehardt, Cole, Muoio, Adams, DeCoster, Dost

Nays – None

Motion carried

**I. L4029 MILLAGE RATE** – Motion by Muoio, seconded by Adams, to approve the 2025 L4029 Millage Rate as presented.

Discussion: Lori Fisher explained this form

Roll Call

Ayes- Muoio, Adams, Ehardt, Cole, DeCoster, Dost

Nays- None

Motion carried

**J. PUBLIC HEARING** – Motion by Cole, seconded by Adams, to set a Public Hearing on Monday, June 23, 2025, at the regular Council Meeting set for 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of the adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget.

Discussion: Lori Fisher explained we will schedule 1 or 2 workshops.

Roll Call

Ayes- Cole, Adams, DeCoster, Ehardt, Muoio, Dost

Nays- None

Motion carried

**K. CITY OF CROSWELL EMS 2025-2026** - Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Muoio to approve the payment of \$59,004.00 to the City of Croswell for EMS contracted services and the 2025-2026 contract as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- DeCoster, Muoio, Cole, Ehardt, Adams, Dost

Nays- None

Motion carried

**L. COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM APPOINTMENT** – Dost explained we have been given notice that Peter Muoio has decided to step down as President Pro-Tem. Thank you to Peter Muoio for his many years of service. I polled the members of Council and would like to make a motion. Motion by Dost, seconded by Muoio, to appoint Kathy DeCoster as the new President Pro-Tem.

All Ayes

Motion carried

**M. DDA RESIGNATION** – Motion by Ehardt, seconded by DeCoster, to accept the resignation of Mickey Bender from the Downtown Development Authority Board.

All Ayes

Motion carried

### **MOBILE HOME PARK**

**N. MOBILE HOME PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS** – Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Adams, to approve the reviewed 2025 Rules and Regulations as presented.

Discussion: Lori Fisher explained the changes.

Roll Call:

Ayes – DeCoster, Adams, Ehardt, Muoio, Cole, Dost

Nays – None

Motion carried

**O. MOBILE HOME PARK DEPOSIT REFUND** – Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Adams, to approve the deposit refund in the amount of \$308.07 to Heidi Priehs (Lot #207).

Roll Call

Ayes- DeCoster, Adams, Cole, Ehardt, Muoio, Dost

Nays- None

Motion carried

### **WATER/SEWER/DPW/STREETS**

**P. 2025 STREET IMPROVEMENT BIDS** – Motion by Ehardt, seconded by Adams, to award the 2025 street improvement bid to Astec Asphalt in the amount of \$840,834.78 as recommended by Townley Engineering.

Discussion: Chris Heiden explained the list of streets being done.

Roll call

Ayes- Ehardt, Adams, Muoio, Cole, DeCoster, Dost

Nays- None

Motion carried

Motion by Ehardt, seconded by Cole, to approve additional paving projects under the awarded Astec Asphalt contract for a not to exceed amount of \$1,100,000.00 – (\$347,705.50 from the Major Streets fund - \$100,000.00 from the Local Streets fund – and \$652,249.50 from the County Roads fund).

Discussion: Chris Heiden explained the additional streets.

Roll call

Ayes- Ehardt, Cole, DeCoster, Adams, Muoio, Dost

Nays- None  
Motion carried

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS –**

Motion by Adams, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the check register in the amount of \$176,699.19 check numbers 39240 through 39303 and financial reports as presented.

Roll call

Ayes- Adams, DeCoster, Cole, Ehardt, Muoio, Dost

Nays- None

Motion carried

Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Adams, to approve the USDA sewer fund check register in the amount of \$310,002.82 check number 6035 through 6038 and reports as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- DeCoster, Adams, Ehardt, Muoio, Cole, Dost

Nays – None

Motion carried

Motion by Muoio, seconded by Adams, to approve the USDA water fund check register in the amount of \$337,176.67 check number 80028 through 80030 and reports as presented.

Roll Call

Ayes- Muoio, Adams, Ehardt, DeCoster, Cole, Dost

Nays – None

Motion carried

### **REPORTS –**

### **CORRESPONDENCE –**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT –**

- Katherine Paradoski (Lexington Township Clerk) – commented Lexington Township pays for 50% of the cleaning and is very pleased with this service, does not want to go backward.

### **COUNCIL PERSON COMMENTS –**

- Peter Muoio – asked about public tours of the water treatment plant.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Dost adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Vicki Scott

Clerk

I, Vicki Scott, (Village Clerk), do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of the draft minutes of the Village of Lexington Village Council at a regular meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_